



Coupar Angus Primary School

Newsletter 10

May 2019

The term is now well underway and we have started planning all the end of term events and next session. Parents will receive a copy of the Standards and Quality report at the end of June, detailing progress on our School Improvements for the session. **Our Parent council (SOC) AGM is on Wednesday 5th June at 5.30pm** and all parents are very welcome to come along and find out more about school development and share their views. We would love to have 2 reps from each year group, so if you are at all interested in joining this group, please contact Mrs Drew or Gill Clarke at SOC (socpta.office@gmail.com) for more information.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter, we hope you take the time to read it, the children have written some aspects of it too and this is the second last letter of the session!

As usual you can email me at couparangus@pkc.gov.uk or phone the school office to make an appointment if you have anything you wish to discuss further. Please remember if you have a wee concern or a niggle we want to know about it and see how we can help.

N Drew

We have the numbers of children enrolling for next session now and so the classes are:

P1/2 class Mrs Hanlin

P2 Mrs Constable/Miss Duthie

P3 Miss Mitchell

P4/5 GB Mr Billen and Miss Gourlay to job share this class 2.5 days a week each.

P4/5 M Mrs MacGregor

P6 Mrs Harrison

P7 Miss McQueen

Nursery : Miss Kerr

TR1 Mrs Ashley

TR2 Miss Colville

Garden room – we have appointed a new teacher and will let parents know their name shortly, they take up post in August 2019, but will visit and meet the children before then.

If your child is in the P1/2 class we will be in touch in the next week to let you know this and we will also let parents know whether their child is in P4/5 GB or P4/5M.

Some of the classes are moving and we will let pupils know this in the coming week. On Friday 7th June, all the children will have a chance to move to their new classes and meet their new teachers.

We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Harrison is staying with us next session and will continue teaching the P5 class into P6. Miss Stewart will be leaving to go to a new school and we wish her all the best in the next step in her career and thank her for all her hard work this session.

Retiral

It's always hard to see someone leave Coupar Angus Primary School and it is very hard indeed to let Mrs Ferdinand leave after all she has given to Coupar Angus Primary School over the years. In terms of support to individual children, classes, advice to parents, support and training to staff (and I include myself in that) and also of course the football team! However, we know she deserves some relaxing time to herself and so we wish her all the best for her retirement, and hope to persuade her to come back occasionally to help out, give advice and catch up with us all! A huge thank you Mrs Ferdinand from us all, we will really, really miss you!

New Nursey news!

A warm welcome to Miss Carrigan who has taken up post in the nursery 2.5 days a week.

We also want to share with everyone some of the nursery plans for the future!

In November 2019 work will start on reconfiguring the infant building to allow us to create a new nursery setting within the school. This work should be complete for the new intake in August 2020. There will be some upheaval and some disruption for the duration of the work only, but it will be worth it when the new nursery building is open and we look forward to sharing the plans with you in the coming months. The infant building will still have the same capacity as the existing nursery will become infant classes. It is very exciting and for more information please come along to the SOC meeting or contact me.

We are also hoping to have some upgrading of the infant toilets in the summer holiday.

Summer Disco

The new **disco date** is Wednesday 26th June. P1-3 6-7pm and P4-7 7.15-8.30pm. This is a change from previous newsletters. (Due to P6/7 football tournament!)

P7 leavers' treat:

Our parent council normally pay for the P7 pupils to have a meal before the disco, but this year we asked the P7s and they were very keen to have a day out for the same cost. So we have booked for them to go to Camperdown on Wednesday 26th June. P7 parents will get more information about this.

P7 bring a plate buffet:

To make it a special night for the P7 leavers the children have asked to bring a plate for a mini buffet on the night of the disco to share from 6pm. Parents are also welcome to come along to this and take some end of year photographs (the P7s usually dress up for the disco). We will hold this in the P7 classroom.

Growth Mindset Event

A huge well done to the children and teachers who took part in the Growth Mindset workshops last week. The breakfast went down well and the feedback from those who attended was very positive, so thank you for coming along.

Growth Mindset is something we will continue to learn about in school and we will be sending home a leaflet with more information all about this soon!

Parent Comments:

"Very informative, helps you to work with the kids at home to achieve their goals in school."

"Workshop was great, fantastic to see the children present it all and hear how its really helped them all."

School Show. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th June 7pm

Tickets go on sale this week and are available via Parent pay. We open it to P5, 6, and 7 parents first and then the wider parent group. Letters will come home telling you more this week.

P6 & P7 are performing Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat for our end of year show, with P5 as the choir. Can we just ask parents and children in P5-7 to save the dates as we really need all the children for both performances to ensure both nights are a big success! Children in P1-4 are welcome to come along and see the show and they will also be the audience at the dress rehearsal on Monday 17th June.

Raffle

There will be a raffle both nights of the school show and any donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome, please hand in to the school office.

Maths help for parents and pupils!

You said, we did!

Earlier on this session, parents told us that they sometimes find it hard to help children in maths, as it is different from when they were at school. We listened and have now created some maths 'explain everything' video clips. These are currently uploaded onto the school website. (In the maths support section.)

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/couparangusprimaryschool/mathssupport/>

Please have a look! The children explain how to do some common tricky sums! We will add to this library and make it easier to find areas of maths for next session, but we were so excited with what we had, as were the children, we wanted to share it with you now! Feedback, and requests welcome!

School Development update:

You will receive more information about our development work in the Standards and Quality report that we send home to all parents in June.

We share information about school development through newsletters, workshops, leaflets and Seesaw. We hope you feel there are opportunities to be involved in school, through SOC, volunteering, school trips, Seesaw and questionnaires and workshops. However, if you would like to suggest other ways we can involve parents in the life and development of the school, please let us know. We have currently sent out a parent questionnaire and appreciate your feedback.

Parental Involvement and Engagement Census

Scottish Government, Perth and Kinross and Coupar Angus PS would like to know how you feel about involvement with your child's school. A new national survey asks about your involvement and engagement with your child's school and their learning. The information gathered will help the school, local authority and Scottish Government fully understand the views of parents and carers and plan how school involvement and engagement with learning can be improved.

Use this link to complete the survey: Primary - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/pkcprimaryparentcensus/>

If your children attend different schools you are welcome to complete the survey for each school.

More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/parental-involvement-and-engagement-census/>

Many thanks for taking 10 minutes to complete this survey. Mrs Drew

School trips

P5 have their trip this week to Dynamic Earth and then most of the school trips are over. The children do really benefit from these experiences and remember them for a long time. We really appreciate parents contributions to school trips and the shortfall is paid for from Pupil Equity Funding or in some cases, School funds. SOC have also contributed to trips in the past. We ensure all classes have at least one trip a year, some do have more as we get offers from PKC for some events such as Safe Taysiders and concerts, which are often free and so we do try to take part in events when we can. The cost of buses tend to be the main expense and so we really appreciate your support.

Finance

The end of session school fund minutes will be available on the school website in June. Our Pupil Equity Money for the session has all been spent and an up-date on this will be given at the SOC meeting next week.

Community Project

Parents, children and community use of the computers in school and some training on IT skills, if you wish.

Starting on Tuesday 4th June, 11th June, 18th June and 25th June.

3.30- 4.30pm The computer suite will be open to community members, parents and their children to use the computers for homework or own projects, or we can help with some simple IT skills.

We have 12 computers available, so you do need to phone and let us know you are coming. Children need to be 5 years or over and come with an adult, as this is for community and family learning and is not a pupil only club.

Sports Day

Tuesday 4th June, 1.30pm start on the common, with picnic lunch in the school grounds from 12.15pm. Children are having a bagged lunch. Children can wear sports clothes all day, please ensure your child has a water bottle.

If weather is poor, updates will be on facebook page.

HT treat days!

The children earn Headteacher treat days when they reach 10,000 house points. We have one booked for the 10th June as children had earned this before Easter and have invited in Zoolab to visit each class with some wriggly friends! We have also booked M & M productions for Tuesday 18th June in the afternoon as the children have just reached their next 10,000 points!

Well done on achieving all those house points everyone! (Both of these are free events for the children.)

Class News:

This is from Jamie Low Pr/TR2:

“We work through 5 or 6 stations daily and when we do that job, we write our name and tick it off. Some jobs are independent, some are with an adult. If there is a computer task then we must do a certain amount of stations then do that one. I sometimes like stations.

We've been learning about birds. We have been bird spotting and I saw about 5 blackbirds! We've also been searching the internet to find out about habitats, what they eat and what they do. I made a Powerpoint presentation to show what I learned.”

Primary 1 have been learning lots about dinosaurs. We have learned what food dinosaurs like to eat and how big dinosaurs were. Primary 1 also really enjoyed their trip to Murton Farm with their Primary 7 big pals.

‘My favourite thing was going on the trampoline!’ – Cameron

‘I liked seeing the pigs and the chickens at the farm’ – Filip

‘I enjoyed the whole day. I really liked the bug hunts’ - Morven

P4 news: At Stirling Castle there were wooden carving of kings and queens on the roof. Some were naked! We went into the queen's room and heard the story of the Green Lady and the man who tried to fly off the castle wall in a chicken suit. We saw a football made from a pig's bladder from 500 years ago and we went in the dungeon and the courtyard where the king kept his lion!

From P7 Murton Farm

I learnt how to take care of my wee pal at Murton Farm- Maddison

I learnt that if you hold a magnifying glass at something while the sun is projecting through it, it can burn through it -Archie

I learnt pigs can be brought up with puppies- Olivia

I learnt tortoises can pick their gender- Maddison

I learnt you get multi-coloured chickens- Ryley

I learnt how to hold a tortoise- Jaden

I learnt tortoises can't swim- Reo

I learnt tortoises are faster than turtles- Shaun

Donkeys don't eat grass- Olivia

I learnt that my wee pal is really good at flips on the trampoline- Ryley

Tortoises are different to turtles- Charlie

Ardeonaig

At Ardeonaig I learnt how to be independent- Lucas

I learnt necessary life skills- Reo

I learnt that putting mud on your face can help your skin- Olivia

Safe Taysiders

I learnt how to do CPR- Chris

I learnt carbon monoxide can kill you- Olivia

Growth Mindset

I learnt you don't stop growing your brain- Chris

Maths

I learnt about probability, for example you use words like likely and even chance- Chris

Music

It was fun learning how to play the ukuleles with Miss Ballantine - Rennie

Apartheid

I learnt that at bus stops they had poles with a black or white sign for your skin colour and they were not allowed to get on the wrong bus- Olivia

Joseph

I had fun learning the Joseph songs- Rennie

Primary 6 News

IDL

Primary 6 have been learning about the dangers of plastic in the oceans and have recycled plastic bottles to make models of turtles which actually float. We have also used a variety of ICT including iMovie and Book Creator to create fact files on different types of sea turtles. These projects enable children to work cooperatively and to use their creativity.

Cricket

This month we took part in a Cricket Festival at Meigle Cricket Club where we were praised for our good behaviour and efforts. The coaches commented on how well the class had improved throughout the duration of the workshops and on the festival day itself. Two of our class members have now joined Meigle Cricket Club. Well done Dylan and Caley!

Literacy

We have been learning about the different continents and countries of the world. As part of this we wrote non-chronological reports on a continent of our choice. We also prepared solo talks to deliver to the class about one chosen country. We have learned a lot from these opportunities and had to listen carefully to each other as we were also carrying out peer assessments.

Parent pay accounts

Please could all parents make sure their parent pay and school dinner accounts are up-to-date before the summer break.
Many thanks.

N Drew

Dates for the rest of the session:

Mon 3rd June. Cluster sports at BHS P6 & P7 pupils who make the selection. More info to follow but 4-6pm.

Tuesday 4th June: **School sports 1.15 Pm**

Parents welcome and picnic lunch for families in the grounds from 12.15pm. Children will have a bagged school lunch, so they can join in with a picnic with mums, dads and friends. Or you can bring a picnic for the whole family. There will also be some fundraising stalls.

Potted sports fun event am for pupils.

Wednesday 5th June: Report cards out to parents

Wednesday 5th June – SOC AGM All parents welcome. 5.30 pm. There will be a crèche available for children if parents wish to come and bring their children.

Thursday 6th June: New P1 class visit all am
Also Lunch for new P1 pupils and parent.

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th June - P7 induction days at BHS

Thursday 6th June – P6 & P3/4 robotics workshop

Friday 7th June – moving up morning

Wednesday 12th June – Nursery sports am for everyone to join in.

Friday 14th June – P3/4 assembly

Monday 17th June – School show Dress Rehearsal.

Wednesday 19th June – P5/6/7 School Show PM/evening – 7pm both nights. More information to follow about tickets.

Thursday 20th June – P5/6/7 School Show 7 PM

Wednesday 26th June – End term disco P1-3 6-7pm P4-7 7.15pm-8.30pm

This year P7's have chosen an activity rather than a leaver's meal. More information to follow.

Tuesday 25th June – Nursery graduation and party

Thursday 27th June – End of term service 1.45pm

*please note this is a change to usual end of term service on the last day. If you intend to come along to this, please note the change of day to Thursday 27th June at 1.45pm.

Friday 28th June – school finishes for the summer holiday at 12.00.

Any feedback on the newsletters is welcome. Hand this part to school office:

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I like the newsletters because...

I think newsletters could be improved by...

I don't like the newsletters because...